

2009 Current Fiscal Year Report: Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Environmental Protection Agency

2. Fiscal Year

2009

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

31952

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/16/2007

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

07/16/2009

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

07/16/2009

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Approval Memo signed by EPA's Deputy Administrator

13. Effective Date

06/15/2007

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$103,000.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$103,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The TCRDSAC completed their work in fiscal year (FY) 2008 and the committee was allowed to sunset July 16, 2009. The FY 2008 product of the deliberation was an Agreement in Principle which the Committee members signed in September 2008. In fiscal year 2009 two meeting summaries were completed (December 2008). They pertained to a teleconference and meeting held in September 2008 to discuss final revisions to the Agreement in Principle. Contractor cost to complete the two meeting summaries occurred in FY 2009.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee completed its work in September 2008 and did not meet in 2009.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee completed its work in September 2008 and did not meet in FY 2009.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The committee completed its work and did not meet in FY 2009.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

There were no closed meetings in FY 2009.

21. Remarks

The Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee did not meet in FY 2009. The Committee was not renewed and sunset on July 16, 2009. Costs were incurred primarily by a contractor who completed two summary reports (minutes) in December 2008. Members were invited to serve through July 10, 2009, by EPA's Deputy Administrator, however, because the work of the committee was completed early, their terms were shortened to officially end December 31, 2009. All members are Tier 1 (parent committee members). There are no Tier 2 (subcommittee) members serving.

Designated Federal Officer

Jini Mohanty DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Baird, David	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Assistant City Manager, Milford, DE	Representative Member
Crawford, Tom	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, President, Native American Water Association, Minden, NV	Representative Member
Dougherty, Cynthia	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, US EPA, Washington, DC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fauver, Patti	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tiere 1, Environmental Scientist, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, West Jordan, UT	Representative Member
Hoover, Christine	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Senior Assistant Consumer Advocate, Office of the Attorney General, Harrisburg, PA	Representative Member
LeChevallier, Mark	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Director, Innovation and Environmental Stewardship, American Water, Vorhees, NJ	Representative Member
Lewis, Carrie	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Superintendant, Milwaukee Water Works, Milwaukee, WI	Representative Member
Minnigh, Harvey	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Water Resource Specialist, RCAP Solutions, Puerto Rico	Representative Member
Neuberger, John	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Professor, University of Kansas School of Public Health, Kansas City, KS	Representative Member
Smith, Gerald	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Public Health Engineer, Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul, MN	Representative Member
Thorp, Lynn	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, National Programs Coordinator, Clean Water Action, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Tobey, Bruce	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, City Councilman, Gloucester, MA	Representative Member
Vincent, Robert	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Environmental Administrator, Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Water Programs, Tallahassee, FL	Representative Member
Visintainer, David	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Mgr., St. Louis Water Division, St. Louis, MO	Representative Member
Wu, Mae	07/10/2007	12/31/2008	Tier 1, Staff Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

At the completion of its work in September 2008, the Committee met Goal 2 of EPA's Strategic Plan: Clean and Safe Water; and Objective 2.1: Protection of Human Health. The Total Coliform Rule/Distribution System Advisory Committee supported the Agency's mission and its strategic plan through evaluation of key areas of the existing Total Coliform Rule published in 1989 that the Agency should consider revising to ensure maintenance of quality drinking water and adequate public health protection. The Committee's deliberation included discussions on distribution system contamination issues, ways to address the issues, and how to best understand the associated public health risks.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

11

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were primarily 11 recommendations in the Agreement in Principle at the end of the life of the committee.

1. Revise TCR where indicated
2. Establish a research partnership
3. Conduct future consultations with stakeholders
4. Evaluate all currently approved coliform analytical methods
5. Request comment on revisions to PN and CCR language
6. Identify linkages between TCR and other rules
7. Develop optimization partnership
8. Reference and compile existing requirements on cross connection control programs
9. Develop minimum qualifications and standardized training program for sanitary surveyors and evaluate the need for certification
10. Develop guidance document as expeditiously as possible
11. Release an upgrade to SDWIS State and Fed within 18 months of final rule promulgation

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Committee members, which includes an EPA representative, signed the Agreement in Principle in September 2008 which included the Committee's advice and recommendations. The Committee reached consensus on the recommendations included in the Agreement in Principle.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The committee completed its work in FY 2008. The Committee members, which includes an EPA representative, signed the Agreement in Principle in September 2008 which included the Committee's advice and recommendations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

The Committee members signed the Agreement in Principle in September 2008 (end of FY 2008) which included the Committee's advice and recommendations. Therefore, in FY 2008, the Agency has provided no feedback regarding actions taken to implement the Committee's recommendations or advice. In FY 2009, the Agency plans to hold a non-FACA stakeholder meeting to provide interested parties with a status report on the development of the revised Total Coliform Rule.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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Action Comments

The Committee members signed the Agreement in Principle in September 2008 (end of FY 2008) which included the Committee's advice and recommendations. Therefore, in FY 2008, the Agency has taken no actions as a result of the Committees advice and recommendations.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

All Committee documentation is available upon request from the DFO.